

NVAC 2008 State of the Program Report

Recommendations

1. The NVP, lead by the ASH, should have the authority and be given the resources necessary to carry out its statutory mission to coordinate and direct the vaccine-related efforts of the Public Health Service agencies.
2. The National Vaccine Plan should specifically address the steps necessary to achieve greater effectiveness for the NVP. A process should be put into place to ensure a timely review and update of the National Vaccine Plan.
3. Steps should be taken to improve the effectiveness of the NVAC based on the recommendations of the pending evaluation report.

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4. The NVPO and NVAC should develop methods to identify vaccination-related topics under consideration by other Federal agencies or advisory committees, to ensure that appropriate input by the NVAC can be given and actions can be appropriately coordinated across agencies.
5. Acknowledging the broad reach of NVAC recommendations, many of which require legislative action to enact, the NVAC should work more closely with the NVPO and the ASH, to ensure that its recommendations are appropriately considered and addressed.
6. Mechanisms should be put into place to assure inclusive, meaningful and ongoing input from a broad array of stakeholders to NVAC and all NVAC working groups.